

# Maurice Hinchey NEWS

## 26<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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### **SPENDING BILL HOLDS \$2.1 MILLION FOR NEWBURGH-BEACON FERRY SERVICE**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today announced that a federal spending bill passed by the House Appropriations Committee this week includes \$2.1 million for ferry service between Beacon and Newburgh. A member of the committee, Hinchey had requested the funds after meeting with local officials and representatives of Metro North.

"Ferry service will greatly enhance the benefits of having a Metro North station in Beacon," said Hinchey. "In addition to alleviating traffic congestion and overcrowded parking facilities, it will boost the waterfront development efforts of both cities. This is a project I've been working on for a long time so it's good see the plan coming together."

From 1996 to 2000, Hinchey worked closely with the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York State, Scenic Hudson and other groups in the effort to obtain approval of the ferry dock design from the Army Corps of Engineers and the effort to fund the project. Local officials contacted Hinchey again this year to seek federal assistance. Hinchey subsequently requested a meeting, which was attended by representatives of the two cities, Orange County, Dutchess County, Metro North, and the office of U.S. Representative Ben Gilman (NY-20).

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey requested funding for the project in the Transportation Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2003. The committee is expected to pass the bill next week. The next step is consideration by the full House of Representatives.